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Response Date 30/11/2022

Our ref: ESS.FOI.004

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 8 November 2022 to Environmental Standards Scotland (ESS) requesting information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. The information requested is set out below:

Request

1. Please provide the following information, broken down by financial years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22:
 - The types of vouchers or gift cards that the organisation receives from Edenred, either directly or via the Crown Commercial Service. For example, Edenred lists the following vouchers and gift cards: compliments card, incentive award card, childcare vouchers <https://www.edenred.co.uk/en/reward-recipients/>
 - Please specify the number of each type of voucher or gift cards purchased, and the monetary value of each. For example, the department may have received 100 vouchers worth £50, 50 gift cards worth £20 each
 - Please provide the number of staff to receive each gift card or vouchers and the monetary value of the gift cards or vouchers provided. For example, 50 staff may have received £50 compliments cards, 20 civil servants may have received £20 childcare vouchers

2. Please also, if possible, include the following information broken down by financial years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22:

- Monthly payments to the company Edenred.

Response

ESS vested on 1 October 2021. It therefore did not exist as an independent public body before this date. As a result, although information has been asked for across the financial years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, only six months of information for the financial year April 2021 to March 22 can be supplied, as set out below.

1. ESS does have a contract with Edenred to supply a staff benefits scheme. However, this is set up in a way where staff personally request benefits from third-party organisations offering discounts on services, or products, which are on offer through the Edenred website. ESS as an organisation does not receive vouchers or gift cards directly from Edenred.

Due to this method of set-up:

- ESS does not receive any types of vouchers or gift cards from Edenred, either directly or via the Crown Commercial Service.
 - In terms of quantity, ESS has received no voucher or gift cards.
 - No staff have received gift cards or vouchers from ESS, therefore the monetary value is £0.
2. Due to the scheme being set up in this way, ESS does not make monthly payments to the company Edenred.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response by writing to:

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Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the due date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at:

[Appeal to the Commissioner | Scottish Information Commissioner \(itspublicknowledge.info\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/itspublicknowledge/info)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alasdair Dewar', written in a cursive style.

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